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3547/2010 -----
The World Looks at Obama After the U.S. Midterm Election

(StratFor) The 2010 U.S. midterm elections were held, and the results were as expected: The Republicans took the House but did not take the Senate. The Democrats have such a small margin in the Senate, however, that they cannot impose cloture, which means the Republicans can block Obama administration initiatives in both houses of Congress. At the same time, the Republicans cannot override presidential vetoes alone, so they cannot legislate, either. The possible legislative outcomes are thus gridlock or significant compromises.

U.S. President Barack Obama hopes that the Republicans prove rigidly ideological. In 1994, after the Republicans won a similar victory over Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich attempted to use the speakership to craft national policy. Clinton ran for re-election in 1996 against Gingrich rather than the actual Republican candidate, Bob Dole; Clinton made Gingrich the issue, and he won. Obama hopes for the same opportunity to recoup. The new speaker, John Boehner, already has indicated that he does not intend to play Gingrich but rather is prepared to find compromises. Since Tea Party members are not close to forming a majority of the Republican Party in the House, Boehner is likely to get his way.

Another way to look at this is that the United States remains a predominantly right-of-center country. Obama won a substantial victory in 2008, but he did not change the architecture of American politics. Almost 48 percent of voters voted against him. Though he won a larger percentage than anyone since Ronald Reagan, he was not even close to the magnitude of Reagan's victory. Reagan transformed the way American politics worked. Obama did not. In spite of his supporters' excitement, his election did not signify a permanent national shift to the left. His attempt to govern from the left accordingly brought a predictable result: The public took away his ability to legislate on domestic affairs. Instead, they moved the country to a position where no one can legislate anything beyond the most carefully negotiated and neutral legislation.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101103_world_looks_obama_after_us_midterm_election?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101104&utm_content=readmore&elq=b5f396d5234947029ea0e78682a58cdd

3548/2010 -----

Al Qaeda Unlucky Again in Cargo Bombing Attempt

(StratFor) The Oct. 29 discovery of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) inside two packages shipped from Yemen launched a widespread search for other devices, and more than two dozen suspect packages have been tracked down so far. Some have been trailed in dramatic fashion, as when two U.S. F-15 fighter aircraft escorted an Emirates Air passenger jet Oct. 29 as it approached and landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. To date, however, no other parcels have been found to contain explosive devices.

The two parcels that did contain IEDs were found in East Midlands, England, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and both appear to have been sent by al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), al Qaeda's jihadist franchise in Yemen. As we've long discussed, AQAP has demonstrated a degree of creativity in planning its attacks and an intent to attack the United States. It has also demonstrated the intent to attack aircraft, as evidenced by the failed Christmas Day bombing in 2009 involving Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who tried to detonate an explosive device concealed in his underwear on a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit.

A tactical analysis of the latest attempt suggests that the operation was not quite as creative as past attempts, though it did come very close to achieving its primary objective, which in this case (apparently) was to destroy aircraft. It does not appear that the devices ultimately were intended to be part of an attack against the Jewish institutions in the United States to which the parcels were addressed. Although the operation failed in its primary mission (taking down aircraft) it was successful in its secondary mission, which was to generate worldwide media coverage and sow fear and disruption in the West.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101101_al_qaeda_unlucky_again_cargo_bombing_attempt?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101102&utm_content=readmore&elq=a20ae875bc3e4677b01dea394eed3ac1

3549/2010 -----

Bombs target embassies in Greek capital Athens

(BBC) Parcel bombs have exploded at the Swiss and Russian embassies in the Greek capital, Athens, and several suspicious packages have been destroyed.

Two parcel bombs were destroyed in controlled explosions at Athens airport's cargo terminal. A suspected bomb was destroyed at the Bulgarian embassy and another, posted to the Chilean embassy, in a van. Greece says it is halting international air mail for 48 hours to allow for further investigations. No-one was hurt in the Athens blasts, which came a day after four parcel bombs were found in the city.

The BBC's Malcolm Brabant in Athens says it appears to be a co-ordinated attack by an extreme left-wing group. The first explosion happened at the Swiss embassy. First reports said the device had been thrown into a courtyard, but police later said it had been left at the embassy's entrance. "When the external packaging was removed, the contents bur

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11674535>
- (b) <http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Überblick/Chronik/1584957-6/bombenexplosion-an-schweizer-botschaft-in-athen.csp>

3550/2010 -----

Paket-Bombe im Kanzleramt : Fahnder ermitteln in Griechenland

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Nach dem Fund einer Paketbombe im Kanzleramt am Dienstag war die Bundesregierung am Mittwoch bemüht, dem Vorfall keine große Bedeutung beizumessen. „Der Umgang mit diesem Poststück war exakt der selbe Umgang, wie er mit jedem Poststück stattfindet“, sagte Regierungssprecher Steffen Seibert. Zwei Dutzend Personen seien täglich mit der Überprüfung der Post beschäftigt. Der Vorfall habe gezeigt, dass die Sicherheitsvorrichtungen sehr gut funktionierten.

Berichte, wonach im Kanzleramt wegen des Bombenpakets „der Teufel los gewesen“ sei, seien unzutreffend, so der Regierungssprecher weiter. Es habe trotz des Bombenfunds im Kanzleramt eine sehr viel gelassener Atmosphäre geherrscht als dargestellt. Viele Mitarbeiter hätten den Vorfall gar nicht mitbekommen.

Die Poststelle sei in die drei Bereiche Durchleuchtung, Postöffnung und Postverteilung gegliedert. Das an die Kanzlerin adressierte Paket mit der schwarzpulverähnlichen Substanz und einer unkonventionellen Sprengvorrichtung sei am Dienstag Nachmittag von einem Kurier bei der Wache des Kanzleramtes abgegeben worden und dem Sicherheitspersonal bei der Routineuntersuchung sofort aufgefallen, sagte Seibert. Sprengstoffexperten der Berliner Polizei hatten die Postsendung unschädlich gemacht. Verletzt wurde niemand. Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel und Kanzleramtsminister Roland Pofalla hätten sich inzwischen bei den Mitarbeitern der Poststelle für deren Wachsamkeit und Professionalität bedankt, so Seibert.

- (a) <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/fahnder-ermitteln-in-griechenland/-/1472596/4801750/-/index.html>
- (b) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/2.220/explosives-paekchen-an-angela-merkel-rohrbombe-im-kanzleramt-1.1018795>

3551/2010 -----

Jemen startet Großfahndung nach Paketbomber

(Zeit online) Militär und Geheimdienst im Jemen versuchen in zwei Provinzen, den Al-Qaida-Kämpfer Ibrahim al-Asiri zu finden. So wollen die Sicherheitskräfte US-Truppen zuvorkommen.

Die Fahnder vermuten den saudi-arabischen Al-Qaida-Kämpfer al-Asiri in den zentral gelegenen Provinzen Maarib oder Shabwa, wie ein Mitarbeiter der Sicherheitsbehörden sagte. Der Gesuchte soll die Paketbomben gebaut haben, die vergangene Woche in Großbritannien und Dubai abgefangen worden waren. Militär und Geheimdienst suchen aber auch nach dem radikal-islamischen Prediger Anwar al-Awlaki. Er soll verantwortlich für einen vereitelten Anschlag auf einen Flug in die USA vor einem Jahr sein und gilt als Al-Qaida-Vordenker.

<http://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2010-11/jemen-grossoffensive-geheimdienste>

3552/2010 -----

Mysteriöse Geheimdienste: Welches Geheimnis im Flugzeug-Terror?

(Welt online) Wenn Geheimdienste früh von Bomben wussten - warum durften diese dann in die Luft? Auch al-Qaida bleibt Antworten schuldig.

Im Zusammenhang mit den in Dubai und auf dem britischen Flughafen East Midlands sichergestellten Paketbomben drängen sich einige Fragen auf. Warum wurden die Bomben erst so spät entdeckt, obwohl die Geheimdienste doch sogar die Paketnummern wussten? Warum geben die Geheimdienste ihren angeblichen Informanten preis? Wenn sie von einem „Testlauf“ im September wussten, warum wurden die Sicherheitskontrollen für Luftfracht nicht sofort verschärft? Auf Nachfrage von WELT ONLINE hatten deutsche Sicherheitsdienste auf diese und andere Fragen keine Antwort. Allerdings gebe es im Ablauf „zeitliche Unschärfen“, gestanden sie ein.

Will man all die Ungereimtheiten verdeutlichen, ist es sinnvoll, den zeitlichen Ablauf des Geschehens zu rekonstruieren. Am Anfang steht dann der Saudi Jabr al-Faifi. Nach den Terroranschlägen vom 11. September 2001 hatten die US-Geheimdienste ihn gefangen genommen und auf Guantánamo interniert. Vor vier Jahren wurde er wieder entlassen, weil ihm die US-Behörden keine Terrorbeteiligung nachweisen konnten. Kurz nach seiner Rückkehr nach Saudi-Arabien soll er sich al-Qaida im Jemen angeschlossen haben. Doch dort gefiel es ihm offenbar nicht, denn vor etwa 14 Tagen soll er sich, so die Geheimdienste, den jemenitischen Behörden gestellt haben. Diese hätten ihn nach Saudi-Arabien überstellt.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article10689862/Welches-Geheimnis-birgt-der-Flugzeug-Terror.html>

3553/2010 -----

Spy trial of US hikers in Iran postponed

(monsterandcritics) he trial of two US hikers accused of spying on Iran has been postponed, a judiciary spokesman said Monday.

The trial against Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal was initially set for November 6. The pair was arrested with a third American, Sarah Shourd, in July 2009 when they allegedly crossed the unmarked border while hiking in Iraq's Kurdistan region.

Shourd was released in September because of illness after posting 500,000 dollars bail and returned to the United States. Judiciary spokesman Gholam-Hosseini Mohseni-Ejehi told ISNA news agency that in order for the trial to go ahead, all three should be present in court. Heydar Moslehi, the head of Iran's intelligence service, said last month that Shourd should return to Iran for the trial.

http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article_1595684.php/Spy-trial-of-US-hikers-in-Iran-postponed

3554/2010 -----

Pope condemns "ferocious" attack on Baghdad church

(Reuters) Pope Benedict condemned an attack in which 52 people were killed in a Catholic church in Baghdad, saying the violence was all the more ferocious because innocent people were killed in a house of God.

Speaking to pilgrims gathered to hear his prayer in St Peter's Square for the Catholic All Saints' Day holiday, the pope also made a heartfelt appeal for peace in the Middle East. "I pray for the victims of this senseless violence, made even more ferocious because it struck defenseless people who were gathered in the house of God, which is a house of love and reconciliation," he said.

Fifty-two hostages and police officers were killed when security forces raided a Baghdad church to free more than 100 Iraqi Catholics captured by al Qaeda-linked gunmen. The gunmen took hostages gathered for Sunday mass at the Our Lady of Salvation Church, one of Baghdad's largest, and demanded the release of al Qaeda prisoners in Iraq and Egypt.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6A01PK20101101>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3555/2010 -----

WikiLeaks documents reveal CIA's role in Iraq

(IntelNews) Along with unprecedented inside information on American military operations in Iraq, the 400,000 US military reports recently released by whistleblower site WikiLeaks provide several interesting snippets of the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in that ongoing conflict. Wired magazine's Danger Room blog correctly notes that, unlike Afghanistan, where the CIA's role has been relatively clear almost from the very start of the US invasion, the Agency's function in Iraq has been something of a mystery for most outside observers. There has even been some speculation that the CIA has been sidelined in Iraq by a host of Pentagon-managed special operations outfits, including the Joint Special Operations Command.

But the WikiLeaks documents, which are primarily composed of incident reports authored by US troops on the ground in Iraq, include frequent references to operations by "Other Government Agency" or "OGA" —a term usually reserved for the CIA in internal military documents. Collectively, the reports referring to OGA activities reveal significant paramilitary functions performed by CIA personnel until as recently as 2009. These functions seem to include joint operations with US military forces in raiding suspected insurgence hideouts, evaluation of the technical capabilities of the Iraqi insurgency, as well as several frontline engagements between CIA personnel and insurgents in several Iraqi cities.

In one example, an incident report describes an OGA vehicle convoy that was ambushed by insurgents "while returning from a mission". Read collectively, the reports appear to point to the existence of a CIA base a few miles west of the city of Ramadi, located firmly within central Iraq's Sunni triangle. One report describes the delivery to the OGA base of "OGA informants" (presumably Iraqis), who were duly "directed to the [facility's] vehicle search area to meet OGA". Danger Room emailed the CIA about the reputed base near Ramadi, but was predictably told that the "CIA does not comment, as a rule, on speculation about what may or may not be an Agency facility".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/29/01-585/>

3556/2010 -----

US considering CIA targeted killings in Yemen

(IntelNews) The White House is considering an unprecedented expansion of operations by the Central Intelligence Agency in Yemen, following last week's foiled toner cartridge bomb plot.

There are reports that the plot, which appears to have originated in Yemen, and was foiled through a last-minute tip from Saudi intelligence, may tip the balance in Washington in favor of those wishing to enhance the CIA's activities in Yemen's Sunni areas. According to The Wall Street Journal, the Obama Administration is close to authorizing the CIA's use of unmanned drones to bomb suspected targets in Yemen, something that the Agency has been doing for over a year in Pakistan.

But there also appears to be a wider consensus forming in favor of authorizing covert targeted killings inside Yemen by Special Forces operating on the ground under Langley's command. This consensus appears to be forming in both civilian and military circles in Washington, despite fears that such tactics may backlash, leading to a severance of ties between the United States and the Yemeni government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The Journal article mentions that the White House is now considering authorizing the CIA to conduct targeted killings "even without the explicit blessing of the Yemeni government".

IntelNews readers will remember this is not the first time that the Obama Administration has actively considered expanding American intelligence operations to Yemen. In February The Washington Post reported that the Obama Administration was considering doubling military assistance to Yemen from \$70 to almost \$150 million annually. This amount did not include covert assistance in the form of clandestine participation by the US Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which was reportedly already in Yemen "tracking and killing suspected terrorists". JSOC's involvement in Yemen, which The Post described as "deep", was almost certainly accompanied by increasing logistical support by the CIA and the National Security Agency.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/11/01/01-586/>

3557/2010 -----

C.I.A. Role Is Faulted in Air Crash Over Peru

(NY Times) Central Intelligence Agency officers involved with a secret counternarcotics mission in the Peruvian jungle routinely violated agency procedures, tried to cover up their mistakes, and misled Congress immediately after a missionary plane was accidentally shot down in 2001, according to a blistering C.I.A. internal report released on Monday.

The declassified 2008 report by John L. Helgerson, then the C.I.A.'s inspector general, documents a culture of negligence and deceit inside the C.I.A. program in Peru. The report also details a pattern of C.I.A. stonewalling that included keeping results of a C.I.A. review of the 2001 downing of the plane from the White House and the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The 2001 episode, which resulted in the killing of an American missionary and her infant daughter, occurred when C.I.A. officers misidentified the missionary plane as a drug-smuggling aircraft and ordered the Peruvian military to shoot it down. The missionary's husband, their son and the

pilot survived. Parts of Mr. Helgerson's report were released in 2008, so the broad conclusions of the Peru investigation were already known.

But the full 300-page report paints a detailed portrait of the troubled covert program.

The report concluded that top C.I.A. officers misled members of Congress when they portrayed the April 2001 episode as an anomaly in an otherwise well-run program, and that C.I.A. lawyers repeatedly intervened with Justice Department officials to prevent prosecutions in the case.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/02/world/americas/02peru.html?_r=5&src=twrhp



3558/2010 -----
One Spy to Rule Them All: Top Spook Launches Push for Real Power

(Weired) Under an emerging deal hashed out between the Pentagon and the director of national intelligence, the country's top spook might, for the first time, actually control the thousands of spies and contractors he's responsible for overseeing. Just follow the money.

You might think the director of national intelligence actually runs the spy world. But that would make too much sense. In fact, as long as there's been a "community" of spy agencies, the Defense Department has kept the intelligence budget (now totalling \$80.1 billion annually) under the military thumb. That's not really surprising, since the military's intelligence services – the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency and others – own the majority of big-ticket intel items like space satellites. But it has meant that functional control of the intelligence budget isn't in the hands of the nation's top spy, despite years' of legislative and bureaucratic fixes to consolidate control of intelligence under a single official.

That could be coming to an end. At a Louisiana conference yesterday, James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, announced that he's reached "at least conceptual agreement" with his old friend, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, to move the National Intelligence Program, the non-operational-military (read: CIA) part of the intel budget, over to his office. That's \$53.1 billion dollars – out of \$80 billion – that Clapper or his successor will control by 2013. (The remaining \$27 billion, for military intelligence activities, will remain in Pentagon hands.)

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/11/one-spy-to-rule-them-all-top-spook-launches-push-for-real-power/>

Kostspielige Geheimdienste

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Erstmals veröffentlicht die US-Regierung das Budget für militärische Aufklärung: Rund 80 Milliarden Dollar haben die USA 2009 für ihre Geheimdienste ausgegeben. Die Gesamtsumme soll alles einschließen, was Amerikas Geheimdienste so treiben.

Nur ein Wesen kenne alle Aktivitäten der US-Geheimdienste, hat James Clapper, der seit August diesen Diensten vorsteht, mal gesagt: „Das ist Gott.“ Immerhin weiß man jetzt, was die Supermacht im vergangenen Jahr für Spitzeleien aller Art ausgab: 80,1 Milliarden Dollar.

Nachdem die USA seit 2007 bereits ihren zivilen Geheimdienstetat veröffentlichen, hat die Obama-Regierung nun erstmals auch das Budget für militärische Aufklärung eingerechnet. 53,1 Milliarden Dollar gaben demnach die dem Nationalen Geheimdienstdirektor Clapper unterstellten nichtmilitärischen Dienste im Haushaltsjahr 2010 aus (2007: 43,5 Milliarden). Das „Military Intelligence Program“ des Pentagon kostete weitere 27 Milliarden.

Die Gesamtsumme soll alles einschließen, was Amerikas 16 Geheimdienste mit geschätzten rund 100.000 Mitarbeitern so treiben - vom weltweiten Agentennetz der CIA über geheime Drohnenprogramme und militärische Aufklärungssatelliten bis hin zu den gewaltigen elektronischen Datenstaubsaugern der National Security Agency, die nach Informationen der Washington Post täglich 1,7 Milliarden E-Mails oder Anrufe überwacht. Auch Kosten für private Söldner sollen enthalten sein. Aufgeschlüsselt werden die Einzeletats indes ebenso wenig wie die Zahlen für betreffende Programme.

- (a) <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/kostspielige-geheimdienste/-/1472596/4789100/-/index.html>
- (b) U.S. spying: The 61st largest country:
http://ricks.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/10/29/us_spying_the_61st_largest_country

(Hat tip to Dieter BACHER for this info!)

National intel director says budget to be moved from Pentagon control

(Washington Post) Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. said Tuesday that he has won a "conceptual agreement" to remove the \$53 billion national intelligence budget from Pentagon control and place it under his purview by 2013, as part of an effort to enhance his authority over the U.S. intelligence community.

"To me, it's a win-win," he told an audience at the U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation conference here. Clapper's deal with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates would take "\$50 billion off the top line" of the Pentagon budget and give the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) "more authority and oversight" of the budget. The \$27 billion military intelligence budget would remain under the Defense Department, Clapper said.

Proponents of intelligence reform have complained that Congress did not give the ODNI enough control over spending and other levers of power. Officials said placing the national intelligence budget under Clapper's

control would make it easier for him to ensure that funds are being spent in accordance with presidential and congressional priorities.

But one congressional aide urged caution. "This is an issue that does not involve only the executive branch," said the aide, who works for the Senate Armed Services Committee, which authorizes the money in the intelligence budget.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/02/AR2010110206813.html>

3561/2010 -----

Intel foiled al Qaeda plot, DNI chief says

(Washington Times) The nation's most senior intelligence official said on Monday that U.S. security agencies worked together well in halting al Qaeda's latest bomb plot, after shortfalls were found after an earlier plot by the group to conduct a suicide bombing on a Detroit-bound jetliner.

"We had an exciting weekend with the air-cargo bomb plot," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said in a speech here. "Having watched and participated in that over the weekend, it was a remarkable amalgam of intelligence, law enforcement and homeland security, which in this instance worked very well."

Mr. Clapper, in remarks to the annual meeting of the private U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation, also disclosed that he has reached agreement with the Pentagon to take control of some \$50 billion worth of nonmilitary intelligence spending for annual budgets that are currently part of the defense budget. The money will be administered by the civilian Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) by 2013, he said.

On the plot of Yemeni origin to blow up two U.S. freight aircraft, Mr. Clapper said that despite the success in intercepting two bombs built in computer-printer cartridges, "this is not to say that we can expect that seemingly flawless thwarting of a very nefarious, devious attack all the time. We are not going to bat a thousand. At least I can't make an assurance like that."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/nov/2/intel-foiled-al-qaeda-plot-dni-chief-says/>

3562/2010 -----

Pentagon Throws Contractor Under Bus: Why?

(worldnewsheardnow) The Associated Press has obtained a classified Pentagon document, which details an intelligence-gathering mission headed by a DOD contractor. The report calls for the man's investigation because the Pentagon claims his team "went too far in gathering human intelligence".

The gathered intelligence was used in counterinsurgency efforts, and involved several retired CIA, special operations veterans, and subcontractors.

The Pentagon seems to be making the charge that retired Army officer Michael Furlong's "Information Operations Capstone" amounted to a "violation of executive orders". Assistant Secretary for Intelligence Oversight, Michael Decker and others at the DOD have concluded that

Capstone amounted to an illegal spying ring of private military contractors. Furlong denies the charges and says he has not been shown the document so that he can answer the charges. The information gathered during this operation was used to target militants in Afghanistan and Iraq- Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, to name two groups.

There were supposed to be more elements of nation-building than were performed, according to the report. Since the war is not yet over in either country- there are, as yet, no peace treaties, after all- why are military intelligence contractors being forced to perform any nation-building activities right now? What kind of political pressure is causing the Pentagon to allow these documents to be leaked to the press, and why are they throwing Michael Furlong under the bus?

<http://www.worldnewsheardnow.com/pentagon-throws-contractor-under-bus-why/3578/>

3563/2010 -----

Marine honored as defense intel instructor of the year

(signonsandiego) A San Diego Marine was honored by the Defense Intelligence Agency as instructor of the year, the Naval Education and Training Command announced Tuesday.

Marine Staff Sgt. Ryan Bonham, an Expeditionary Warfare Intelligence Course instructor at the Fleet Intelligence Training Center in San Diego, was presented with the Pentagon designation for 2009 on October 25, at the General Intelligence Training Council Fall conference in Lansdowne, Va.

Bonham was credited with being an exceptional intelligence professional and motivator who had authored and coordinated new course data and instruction programs regarding worldwide intelligence operations and warfighting.

"Staff Sgt. Bonham unquestionably has made a profound and lasting positive impact on improved mission preparedness for intelligence professionals embedded with today's operating forces," said Defense Intelligence Agency Chief of Staff Sharon A. Houy, who presented Bonham with the award.

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/nov/02/san-diego-marine-honored-defense-intelligence-agen/>

3564/2010 -----

Surveillance Court Issues New Rules of Procedure

(FAS) The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which reviews government applications for domestic intelligence surveillance, issued new rules (pdf) on Monday to govern its proceedings. The new rules differ only slightly from the draft rules that were issued for public comment in late August ("FISA Court Proposes New Court Rules," Secrecy News, September 2, 2010). In general, the rules update past Court procedures to reflect passage of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which expanded government surveillance authority.

In one modest editorial change suggested by FAS, the Court altered a line requiring that "classified information" be protected to specify that only "properly classified information" must be protected (Rule 62a). Another new provision in the final rules indicated that not only the government but also the Presiding Judge of the FISA Court "may provide copies of Court

orders, opinions, decisions, or other Court records to Congress" (Rule 62c2).

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/11/fisc_new_rules.html

3565/2010 -----

Memoirs, mistakes converge as CIA promises reform

(LA Times) Spies-turned-authors say the agency's admitted 'systemic failures' in an Afghanistan suicide attack prove their allegations of myriad problems. But one veteran is being sued over his unapproved book.

When CIA Director Leon Panetta gathered reporters recently to discuss mistakes that allowed a suicide bomber to kill seven personnel in Afghanistan, he didn't mention a separate disclosure the agency made that day: that it had sued a retired officer who wrote an unapproved memoir.

To some CIA veterans, the developments are related in ways that do not reflect well on the agency. An internal investigation blamed the December attack by an Al Qaeda double agent on "systemic failures" in CIA training, management, information sharing and vetting of sources. Former agents have publicly pointed out some of those problems for years, without response by the CIA.

But now, as it promises reforms in the wake of the bombing at an agency base in the eastern Khowst province, the CIA is seeking to punish a former agent for violating his secrecy agreement, which he says he did to blow the whistle on waste and incompetence.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-adv-cia-memoirs-20101031,0,1477517.story>



3566/2010 -----

Russian president visits disputed Kuril islands

(Sidney Morning Herald) Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrived in the Kuril Islands Monday, making the first visit by a Russian leader to territory that Japan considers its own.

The trip comes ahead of Medvedev's visit to Japan for this month's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. The Kremlin chief is expected to visit a geothermal energy station, meet local residents and inspect several construction sites, an official said. The Kuril Islands, which lie north of Japan's Hokkaido island, have been controlled by Moscow since they were seized by Soviet troops at the end of World War II, but Tokyo claims the southernmost four as Japanese territory. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said Medvedev's visit "very regrettable".

"As Japan has kept its position that the four Northern Islands belong to the Japanese territory, the president's visit there is very regrettable,"

Kan told the parliament, referring to Medvedev's arrival at one of the islands called Kunashiri in Japan Monday.

In September, Medvedev called the islands "a very important region of our country" and said that "we will definitely go there in the nearest future," prompting a warning from Japan of worsening ties.

- (a) <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/russian-president-visits-disputed-kuril-islands-20101101-179oj.html>
- (b) http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/02/world/asia/02kuriles.html?_r=5&src=mv

3567/2010 -----

WikiLeaks to release secret Russia, China logs - paper

(RIAN) Whistleblower website WikiLeaks, which has published hundreds of U.S. war logs, is preparing to release secret files from Russia and China, a Russian newspaper said on Tuesday.

"Russians are going to find out a lot of interesting facts about their country," WikiLeaks spokesman Kristinn Hrafnsson told Kommersant. The main goal of the project was the "despotic regimes in China, Russia and Central Eurasia," WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange wrote to potential investors when he launched the website in 2006. WikiLeaks published some 400,000 secret U.S. military files revealing the truth about the conflict in Iraq. The documents suggest U.S. forces turned a blind eye to evidence of torture by the Iraqi authorities. Other files reveal that the number of civilian casualties was far greater than Washington admitted.

General George Casey, who was in charge of U.S. forces in Iraq from 2004 to 2007, rebutted the allegations of torture.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20101026/161087816.html>

3568/2010 -----

Georgia mum on Russia 'spy' report

(RIAN) Georgia declined on Friday to comment officially on media reports that it had detained 20 people suspected of spying for Russia.

"No comment," Shota Utiashvili, Georgian Interior Ministry press secretary, told RIA Novosti. Reuters news agency earlier reported that the detainees, all Georgian citizens, were alleged to have formed a spy network and passed secret information to Russia. Utiashvili told Reuters that an official announcement would be made at a press conference on November 5.

This is the latest in a series of spy flaps between the two countries since they fought a five-day war in 2008. Two years ago, Georgia detained four Russian military officers and 12 other people on charges of spying. They were subsequently handed over to Russia.

In March 2010 a Russian military court in the North Caucasus sentenced a Georgian national and two Russians to 11-15 years in jail on charges of treason and espionage. Long-standing tensions between Russia and Georgia, chiefly over the breakaway Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, erupted into conflict in August 2008. Russia recognized the two republics as independent shortly after the war.

- (a) <http://en.rian.ru/world/20101029/161138132.html>
- (b) <http://english.cri.cn/6966/2010/11/03/167s602635.htm>
- (c) Georgia arrests 20 suspected Russian spies:
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/georgia-arrests-20-suspected-russian-spies-2120516.html>
- (d) Georgian Foreign Ministry denies knowledge of Russian spy ring bust:
<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101101/161164786.html>

3569/2010 -----

Russia's arms exports to reach record \$10 bln in 2010

(RIAN) Russia's arms exports are expected to hit an all-time high of over \$10 billion in 2010, the head of Russia's state-run arms exporter Rosobornexport said on Thursday.



In 2009 Russian arms sales were worth \$8.5 billion, including \$7.4 billion worth via Rosobornexport. "Rosobornexport currently exports several thousand military products, expanding arms sales by \$500-\$600 million each year," Anatoly Isaykin told a news conference on the 10th anniversary of the company. Rosobornexport's portfolio of export orders is estimated at \$40 billion, Isaykin said.

Despite constantly expanding arms exports, Russia faces increasing competition on the international arms market from the United States, Germany, France and the United Kingdom as well as Chinese military expansion.

Russia exports weaponry to over 100 countries.

http://en.rian.ru/mlitary_news/20101028/161115404.html

3570/2010 -----

Russland erweitert Bereich der Staatsgeheimnisse

(RIAN via IRIB) Die Staatsduma (russisches Parlamentsunterhaus) hat am Montag in dritter Lesung Änderungen am Gesetz „Über das Staatsgeheimnis“ angenommen und somit die Liste der geheim zu haltenden Informationen im Bereich der Terrorbekämpfung erweitert. Demgemäß gelten Informationen über Maßnahmen zur Sicherung von besonders wichtigen und potentiell gefährlichen Objekten gegen Terroranschläge als Staatsgeheimnisse. Dazu gehören Industrie-, Energie- und Kommunikationsanlagen, Objekte der Wissenschaft, des Agrarindustriekomplexes, der Lebensversorgung der Bevölkerung, der städtischen Infrastruktur und der Verkehrssysteme.

Unter Staatsgeheimnisse fallen auch Informationen über Kräfte, Mittel, Methoden, Pläne und Ergebnisse der Tätigkeit der zuständigen Strukturen bei der Terrorbekämpfung sowie die Ergebnisse der finanziellen Überwachung von an Terroraktivitäten beteiligten Organisationen und Personen.

Das Gesetz, das noch vom Föderationsrat (Parlamentsoberhaus) gebilligt und vom Staatspräsidenten unterzeichnet werden muss, wird 90 Tage nach seiner offiziellen Veröffentlichung in Kraft treten.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/117174-russland-erweitert-bereich-der-staatsgeheimnisse>

3571/2010 -----

Razzia auf Bank von Milliardär und Putin-Kritiker Lebedew

(Basler Zeitung) Die Zentrale der National Reserve Bank in Moskau ist von Polizisten umstellt worden. Der russische Geschäftsmann Alexander Lebedew, dem auch ein Hotel bei Luzern gehört, verhandelt mit der Polizei.

Zunächst hatten Medien berichtet, dass Lebedew festgenommen worden sei. Diese Information stellte sich jedoch im Laufe des Vormittags als falsch heraus. Über die Gründe der Razzia gibt es bisher keine offiziellen Angaben. Möglicherweise handelt es sich um eine Einschüchterungsaktion gegen Lebedew, der in den letzten Jahren als Kritiker von Ministerpräsident Wladimir Putin aufgefallen ist. Die schwer bewaffneten Sicherheitskräfte sind möglicherweise Angehörige der Sondereinheit K des russischen Geheimdienstes FSB, die für die staatliche Sicherheit in Finanzfragen zuständig ist.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/europa/Razzia-auf-Bank-von-Milliardaer-und-PutinKritiker-Lebedew/story/13961823>

3572/2010 -----

John le Carré - Der Ex-Spion warnt vor neuer Gefahr aus Russland

(Main Post) John Le Carré: Ich denke nicht, dass Russland eine militärische Gefahr darstellt. Das Land ist zu schlecht organisiert, um als Supermacht gefährlich zu sein. Aber es hat das Problem einer gewaltigen Schere zwischen arm und reich. Die Gesellschaft zerfällt, es fehlt ein moralischer Kompass. Die, die schlau waren, haben ein Vermögen gemacht, indem sie ihr Land ausraubten. Ein großer Teil dieses Geldes ist hier, im Westen. Und das ist eine Gefahr - eine moralische Gefahr - für die westliche Gesellschaft."

<http://www.mainpost.de/ueberregional/kulturwelt/kultur/John-le-Carr%25E9-Der-Ex-Spion-warnt-vor-neuer-Gefahr-aus-Russland;art3809,5809402>

3573/2010 -----

Ukraine: Die Angst ist zurück

(FAZ) In der Ukraine ist von der Orangen Revolution nichts mehr übrig. Der alte Apparat ist wieder an der Macht und mit ihm regieren die alten Methoden. Wer sich für die freie Gesellschaft einsetzt, wird mit Spitzelei und Gefängnis bedroht.

<http://www.faz.net/s/RubDDDF614E9B1C49B682201320840984FF/Doc~E78210BC4E1CB4AA084FC4FCBD6DC9E5E~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>



3574/2010 -----

Israel intel chief hints at role in Syrian nuclear facility bombing

(IntelNews) Israel's outgoing senior military intelligence chief has implied that Israel had a role in a mystery 2007 bombing of an undisclosed Syrian government facility, which is widely believed to have been a nuclear reactor. Speaking on Tuesday before the Knesset's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense, Amos Yadlin, who heads Israel's Military Intelligence Directorate, referred to having overseen intelligence operations against two nuclear programs during his tenure. Delivering a public statement before the Committee, Yadlin noted that he had "been through two wars and [...] contended with two nuclear programs of enemy states".

Security observers consider this an indirect reference to Operation ORCHARD, the 2007 attack carried out by Israeli fighter jets in the night of September 6, 2007. The target location was Al-Kibar, a site deep in the Syro-Arabian Desert, twenty miles from Deir el-Zor. Neither Syria nor Israel have directly commented on the attack, which is widely thought to have targeted a Syrian nuclear reactor. Referring to Syria, Yadlin also said that Damascus' intensive modernization of its air defense and offense systems, which followed Operation ORCHARD, had pushed the Arab state's military balance with Israel back to the levels of the 1970s. The Israeli Military Intelligence Director, who is expected to step down next month, also warned that the next war involving Israel would include several fronts and would result in more human casualties and material destruction than recent regional conflicts. What is next for Yadlin? Longtime Israeli intelligence observer Yossi Melman says the outgoing military official is one of three main candidates to replace Mossad Director Meir Dagan in 2011.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/11/03/01-588/>

3575/2010 -----

Hizbullah strength growing, warns Israeli spy chief

(Daily Star Lebanon) Hizbullah is growing stronger and could take over all of Lebanon in "a few hours," the head of the Israeli Military Intelligence, Amos Yaldin, said Tuesday in a farewell address to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, according. to media reports.

No military power in Lebanon is capable of stopping such an advance but the overall likelihood of an all-out attack remained "low," said Yaldin.

A trickle down of technology from Syria - which has recently concluded a string of high-profile arms sales with Russia - is tipping the balance toward Hizbullah and contributing to a changing security situation in the Middle East, undermining Israeli defenses and increasing the likelihood of conflict, he said.

Any future war, however, will be far more devastating than recent regional conflicts and will likely involve a simultaneous confrontation on multiple fronts. "It will not be similar to anything we have grown accustomed to during the Second Lebanon War or Operation Cast Lead," he warned. "If the international tribunal said that Hizbullah was responsible for the assassination of Former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, then this would constitute a media catastrophe for Hizbullah and will lead to instability

throughout Lebanon," said Yaldin who is stepping down after five years as security chief.

The Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), tasked with investigating the 2005 killing, is reportedly gearing up to indict Hizbullah members in the assassination. The UN-backed court has thus far refused to comment on its activities but Hizbullah has denounced the tribunal as an Israeli project and ordered people to cease cooperation.

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=1&article_id=121138#axzz14GeGFogo

3576/2010 -----

Lebanese military court sentences 3 men of spying for Israel to death

(AP/ CP) A Lebanese military court has convicted three men of spying for Israel and sentenced them to death.

Lebanon and Israel technically remain at war, and more than 100 people in Lebanon have been arrested since last year on suspicion of collaborating with the Jewish state. One of those convicted Tuesday was found guilty of giving sensitive information to Israel, repeatedly entering an enemy state and training there to use telecommunications and photography equipment to spy.

The ruling said Jawdat al-Hakim collaborated with Israel for a decade, until his arrest in May 2009. The two other men were tried in absentia and convicted on similar charges. The rulings can be appealed.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gDZaUWm5Kr-eWH2cfeOVVfchgolQ?docId=5020563>

3577/2010 -----

Egypt Intelligence Chief To Visit Israel

(Bernama) Egyptian intelligence chief Omer Suleiman will arrive in Israel on Thursday in an attempt to break an impasse in the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, Qatar News Agency (QNA) reported, citing news reports.

During the visit, Suleiman is scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak on means of resuming negotiations, Egyptian media said.

Last week, Suleiman visited Ramallah along with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit. They discussed with Palestinian leaders the renewal of dialogue between rival Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah.

<http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/v5/newsworld.php?id=540663>

3578/2010 -----

Ein Saudi verpfiff al-Qaida

(Die Presse) Der saudischen Geheimdienst schleuste einen Agenten in das Terrornetzwerk der al-Qaida ein. Nun soll er die Informationen geliefert haben, dank derer die Paketbomben aus dem Jemen entdeckt werden konnten.

Seine Geschichte klingt wie ein Agentenkrimi: Der Saudi Jabr Al-Fayfi, alias Abu Jaafar Al-Ansari, kämpfte 2001 an der Seite Osama bin Ladens in Afghanistan. Dort wurde er von US-Truppen festgenommen und nach Guantánamo gebracht. Bis 2007 wurde er im US-Gefangenenlager festgehalten, dann den saudischen Behörden übergeben. Nun soll er die Informationen geliefert haben, dank derer die Paketbomben aus dem Jemen entdeckt werden konnten. Er war offenbar vom saudischen Geheimdienst in die Reihen des Terrornetzwerks als Agent eingeschleust worden. Der saudische Geheimdienst lieferte nun die Info zu den Paketbomben weiter an die westlichen Behörden.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/606960/index.do?direct=606945&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=



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Taiwan grapples with 'largest military spy scandal in 20 years'

(IntelNews) Two Taiwanese double agents have been arrested in Taipei, in connection with what one newspaper editorial described as the most serious case of military espionage to hit the country in two decades. The two men, who have been charged with conspiracy to conduct espionage on behalf of a foreign power, were detained on Tuesday, after they were witnessed exchanging classified information at a busy outdoor location by Taiwanese counterintelligence agents. One of them, identified as Lo Chi-cheng, is allegedly a Colonel in Taiwan's Military Information Bureau, the most powerful intelligence organization under Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense. According to Taiwanese officials, he operated for several years as a procurer of classified military information on behalf of his unnamed co-conspirator, a Taiwanese businessman who is reportedly "linked to Taiwan's intelligence network".

The unnamed businessman, who was also detained Tuesday, would then pass the classified information to a handler from Chinese intelligence. The revelations point to what is only the latest in a long series of recent espionage scandals between regional rivals China and Taiwan. In March of 2009, two senior Taiwanese government aides were formally charged with violating Taiwan's national security law by providing Chinese officials with classified information. One of them was Wang Ren-bing, former senior advisor at the Office of the President of Taiwan. This latest instance of Chinese espionage in Taiwan is still being assessed by Taiwanese authorities. Meanwhile, the Taipei-headquartered China Times newspaper has cited Taiwanese military sources in describing it as "probably the highest-level case of espionage involving the military in 20 years".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/11/04/01-589/>

3580/2010 -----

Taiwanese Intel officer detained for leaking national secrets

(Focus Taiwan) A senior Taiwanese military officer was taken into custody Monday on charges of leaking confidential intelligence to China, according to the Defense Ministry.

The officer with the ministry's Military Intelligence Bureau, identified in local media reports as Lo Chi-cheng, is suspected of having forwarded classified information and data to unauthorized personnel in violation of national laws.

The Military High Court agreed to a request to keep Lo detained pending further investigation by military judicial authorities on the grounds that Lo might impair national security or collude with his accomplices to give false testimony if freed, a ministry news statement said.

http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aIPL&ID=201011020010



3581/2010 -----

Italian intelligence to investigate pack bomb sent to PM

(xinhuanet) The Italian intelligence chief on Wednesday said it would launch an investigation on the bomb package sent from Athens to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and warned of "an elevated terrorist threat".

"We are bound to investigate on all pack bombs recently sent to European leaders, especially Berlusconi, because the danger is high," said Massimo D'Alema, head of the secret services parliamentary control group (Copasir). D'Alema stressed that the Italian intelligence was on alert ever since the recent terrorist warnings coming from the U.S., adding that the goal was now to discover whether there were any links between "international terrorism and the anarchist movement"

On Tuesday night an anonymous package addressed to Berlusconi caught fire during a police check at the northern airport of Bologna.

It had been put on a TNT cargo plane from Athens and was bound for Paris. The plane was ordered to land after police was informed by a TNT staff member of a suspect pack on board.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2010-11/04/c_13589901.htm

3582/2010 -----

Schweden: Polizei nahm Terrorverdächtige fest

(ORF) Im Zusammenhang mit einem mutmaßlich geplanten Bombenanschlag in Göteborg hat die schwedische Polizei mehrere Personen festgenommen. Sie würden der Vorbereitung eines Terroranschlags verdächtigt, sagte ein

Polizeisprecher. Die Festnahmen seien an mehreren Orten im Großraum Göteborg erfolgt.

Ein Motiv für das Komplott war zunächst nicht bekannt. Ob sich die Ermittlungen auf gewöhnliche Verbrecher oder internationale Terroristen beziehen, sagte der Sprecher nicht. Auch der schwedische Geheimdienst SAPO ist an den Ermittlungen beteiligt.

Nähere Angaben wurden von den Behörden nicht gemacht. Nach Spekulationen der örtlichen Medien soll ein Einkaufszentrum in der Stadtmitte als Ziel gegolten haben. Im Zentrum von Göteborg war gestern ein größeres Polizeiaufgebot als üblich erkennbar.

<http://orf.at/stories/2022866/>

3583/2010

Spanischer Geheimdienst CNI ist skeptisch gegenüber ETA

(arena-info) Experten des spanischen Geheimdienstes CNI rechnen nicht mit einem Gewaltverzicht der ETA. Die Schlapphüte sehen in den Angeboten zu einem Waffenstillstand nur ein taktisches Manöver der baskischen Terrororganisation. Wie ein Sprecher des Innenministeriums am vergangenen Wochenende mitteilte, gehe man davon aus, dass die ETA sich neu formieren will. Die ETA wurde durch die Fahndungserfolge der Polizei in den letzten 12 Monaten stark geschwächt. Die Terroristen wollen die Zeit nutzen um ihre Strukturen neu organisieren.

Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, kurz ETA, (baskisch für Baskenland und Freiheit) ist eine links orientierte, separatistische baskisch-nationalistische Untergrundorganisation. Sie wurde 1959 als Widerstandsbewegung gegen die Franco-Diktatur gegründet und bedient sich vorwiegend terroristischer Mittel, darunter Autobomben.

Die Organisation verfolgt das Ziel eines von Spanien unabhängigen, sozialistisch geprägten baskischen Staates, der die spanischen autonomen Regionen Baskenland und Navarra sowie das französische Baskenland umfassen soll.

http://www.arena-info.com/index.php?id=8&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=29119&cHash=a67ebfe5ddc8c0edcb61d50dd7396202

3584/2010

US-Geheimdienst mit Nordeuropa-Filiale - Norweger überwacht

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Die US-Organisation soll auch in anderen Ländern außerhalb der Vereinigten Staaten Aufklärung betreiben. Für die Osloer Regierung sind es unangenehme Enthüllungen.

Ein seltsames und womöglich illegales Zubrot für Polizei-Pensionisten: In Norwegen sollen hochrangige Ex-Beamte im Auftrag des US-Nachrichtendienstes SDU Bürger ihres eigenen Landes ausspioniert und teilweise rund um die Uhr überwacht haben. Richtig unangenehm sind entsprechende Enthüllungen des Osloer Senders TV2 aber auch für die Regierung von Ministerpräsident Jens Stoltenberg: Wusste sie von den US-Aktivitäten im fremden Land und hat sie diese womöglich gedeckt, fragten am Donnerstag Medien in Oslo.

„Wir haben davon nichts gewusst“, erklärte zuerst Justizminister Knut Storberget und kurz danach auch Außenminister Jonas Gahr Støre. Sichtlich unwohl schien sich bei dieser Erklärung vor allem Støre zu fühlen. Denn er wusste erklärtermaßen schon, was aus dem Haus seiner US-Kollegin Hillary Clinton in Washington als Echo zu den Medienberichten aus Oslo zurückgekommen war: Man habe in voller Übereinstimmung mit den norwegischen Behörden agiert.

So sorgte nach dem TV2-Bericht auch der 71-jährige Ex-Chef der Anti-Terror-Einheit der Osloer Polizei in US-Diensten dafür, dass Teilnehmer an US-kritischen Demonstrationen gefilmt und auch rund um die Uhr überwacht wurden. Daten zur Person reichten die Norweger aus einer angemieteten Dachetage nahe der US-Botschaft weiter an den dortigen Sicherheitschef. Und von dort gingen sie, wenn die Medienberichte stimmen, in die riesige US-Anti-Terror-Datenbank SIMAS. Von US-Seite wurde die Existenz der gut zehn Jahre alten Organisation SDU (Surveillance Detection Unit) keineswegs bestritten.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/1599076-2/us-geheimdienst-mit-nordeuropa-filiale---norweger-überwacht.csp>

(Hat Tipp to Dieter BACHER fort his info!)

3585/2010 -----

Sarkozy accused of ordering spies to tap into journalists' phones

(Mail online) Nicolas Sarkozy regularly orders spy chiefs to investigate journalists through illegal activities including phone-tapping, it was claimed in Paris today.

The sinister development will cause particular alarm in Britain, as France has just signed a defence pact allowing the country unprecedented access to UK intelligence. According to the highly respected Canard Enchaîné investigative weekly, President Sarkozy personally asked Bernard Squarcini, the head of the domestic spy service DCRI, to probe the activities of senior French reporters. One in particular was causing particular 'embarrassment' for the head of state during the on-going Bettencourt scandal which has seen Mr Sarkozy accused of accepting cash payments from France's richest woman.

Liliane Bettencourt, the L'Oreal billionaire, is said to have offered brown envelopes stuffed with cash in return for avoiding tax payments on her fortune. All those implicated in the scandal deny any wrong-doing, although a criminal enquiry has been launched.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1326287/Nicolas-Sarkozy-accused-ordering-spies-tap-journalists-phones.html>

3586/2010 -----

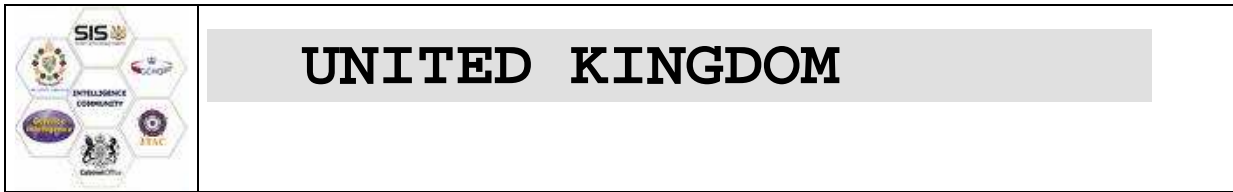
Paketbomben aus Griechenland an Sarkozy

(Reuters) Die griechische Polizei hat mehrere Paketbomben abgefangen, von denen eine an den französischen Präsidenten Nicolas Sarkozy adressiert war.

Die anderen Päckchen sollten an die Botschaften Belgiens und der Niederlande gehen, wie ein Polizeisprecher am Montag sagte. Zudem sei ein weiteres, für die Vertretung Mexikos bestimmtes Paket bei einem Lieferservice in Athen in den Händen einer Angestellten explodiert, die

sich leicht verletzt habe. Die abgefangenen Pakete seien kontrolliert gesprengt worden.

<http://de.reuters.com/article/topNews/idDEBEE6A00FJ20101101>



3587/2010 -----

Cargo plane bomb plot: Cobra to discuss response

(Guardian) The government's Cobra emergency committee is meeting today to discuss a response to the Yemen-based plot to send bombs on US cargo planes, as Yemeni authorities promise to increase airport security.

The Cobra committee, chaired by David Cameron, must decide whether the apparent security flaw revealed by the failure of initial tests to detect the explosive PETN hidden carefully within printer cartridges requires a new regime of checks for air freight, or even for passengers.

After it emerged that one of the bombs had travelled on two Qatar Airways passenger flights before being detected in Dubai, British counter-terrorism officials warned that al-Qaida had exposed a serious vulnerability in aviation security. Yemen's civil aviation security watchdog has rushed through new security measures and is promising to share intelligence with other nations, the country's official Saba news agency said today.

"It approved application of unusual check methods on outgoing packages from Yemeni airports in a way to ensure security of civil aviation," the report said. Britain has, along with several other nations, already banned unaccompanied air freight from Yemen, while FedEx and United Parcel Service (UPS), the US companies which carried the suspect printer cartridges, have halted business in the country.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/01/cargo-plane-bomb-plot>

3588/2010 -----

Girl with golden gun spooks spy chief



(Times Live) The head of Britain's spy service MI6, Sir John Sawers, has to come up with a good explanation for his daughter posting pictures of herself on Facebook posing with a gold-plated AK-47 rifle.

he First Post news website reported that Corrine Sawers, 23, poses in the photograph on the social networking site holding the rifle just like celebrated female terrorist Leila Khalid. The weapon is believed to be from late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Sir John is believed to have received one as a memento of his service in Baghdad after the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Corrine set her profile to be available to "friends of friends" - about 10000 people. The report comes hot on the heels of the spy chief's rare public speech in which he warned of cyber threats to intelligence services.

Sawers and his family are expected to be circumspect about revealing details of their private lives so they are not targeted by terrorists.

- (a) <http://www.timeslive.co.za/world/article739102.ece/Girl-with-golden-gun-spooks-spy-chief>
- (b) <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/ml6-head-red-over-daughters-facebook-shot-20101031-178tx.html>

3589/2010 -----

UK's Secret Heroes

(Sun) IT looks so simple in the James Bond movies.

Spy chief Judi Dench sends 007 to zap the bad guys. And human rights are not on Bond's agenda. But real espionage is very different. Fighting terrorism, already fiendishly difficult, is made harder still by human rights laws that help terrorists not victims. Britain's new spy chief Sir John Sawers yesterday vowed torture had no part to play in gathering info.

He is right. Torture has no place in British law. But he has to deal with shadowy states playing by different rules. Would MI6 be thanked if they withheld info that might have stopped an atrocity because they suspected torture was used? That is the dilemma he faces. Secrecy is vital to protect agents and operations.

Yet courts force MI6 to reveal crucial details - putting agents' lives in peril, wrecking relationships with allies like America, and laying Britain open to attack. It is madness. And what of our real-life spooks risking their lives abroad? Unlike Our Boys in Afghanistan, they can never receive medals or be welcomed back by cheering crowds.

So The Sun is proud to say to them: Well done. And thank you.

http://www.thesun.co.uk/scotsol/homepage/news/sun_says/3204063/The-Scottish-Sun-Says.html

3590/2010 -----

MI6 spy died in sex game gone wrong

(Toronto Sun) Police now believe that Gareth Williams, the former codebreaker for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service MI6 whose body was found naked in a padlocked gym bag in his west London flat, died accidentally from the lack of oxygen during a sex game gone wrong.

British tabloid The Sun reports that police say the 31-year-old man got sexual pleasure from being confined in small places and agreed to be locked in a 32-inch long North Face sports bag.

Police believe Williams died quickly from the heat and lack of air inside the bag while the person who locked him inside was out of the room. When the person realized Williams suffocated to death, he or she put the key

inside the bag and moved it to the bath tub where police found the body on Aug. 23.

<http://www.torontosun.com/news/world/2010/10/30/15889186.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

(This section is edited entirely by Oliver PLAUDER)

3591/2010 -----

'Disappeared' by the IRA, found at the beach his family treasured

(Independent) Peter Wilson's body, which was carefully removed from beneath the sands of a picturesque Co Antrim beach yesterday, had lain there undisturbed for close on four decades.

A vulnerable man with learning difficulties, he was killed by the IRA in 1973. He was just 21. His killers told no one they had done it, or why, simply adding him to their list of "the disappeared". They took him from west Belfast and shot and buried him on Waterfoot beach in north Antrim, which is designated an area of outstanding natural beauty. But the Wilson family have endured 37 years of torment.

Wilson is the ninth "disappeared" IRA victim whose body has been recovered after years in similar untended and unacknowledged graves; the bodies of seven victims have yet to be discovered. The site of Mr Wilson's grave lent an especially poignant dimension in this case, for his family used to go to the beach, oblivious to the fact that he lay buried beneath their feet. A family statement said: "The beach at Waterfoot was a place we have visited often over the years with our mother and children, unaware that Peter was buried there."

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/disappeared-by-the-ira-found-at-the-beach-his-family-treasured-2123428.html>

3592/2010 -----

Claudy bomb suspect held by FBI

(u.tv) A detective heading the Claudy bombing investigation has travelled to America to question a suspect detained by the FBI, it has been disclosed.

The confirmation came as the PSNI failed in an unprecedented legal bid to be allowed to view a television documentary into events surrounding the blasts before it is broadcast. In one of the worst atrocities committed during the Northern Ireland conflict, nine people were killed in bomb attacks on the Co Derry village in July 1972.

Earlier this year, a Police Ombudsman report found senior RUC officers conspired with the government and the Catholic Church to protect a Catholic priest suspected over the attack.

<http://www.u.tv/News/Claudy-bomb-suspect-held-by-FBI/eb8c6e27-5f61-4d38-bda9-e69aea84c1c6>

3593/2010 -----

Baggott investigating airport device claims

(u.tv) Chief Constable Matt Baggott says the PSNI are speaking to officials at Belfast International about how an explosive device - which may have gone undetected in the airport's long stay carpark for almost a year - could have been "left for so long".

<http://www.u.tv/News/Baggott-investigating-airport-device-claims/605bb8b9-41d7-4d62-a21e-f162cc13f705>

3594/2010 -----

Militant republicans 'not yet satisfied' - general

(Irish Times) MILITANT REPUBLICANISM has "not yet been satisfied" and poses a serious challenge to the Northern Ireland security forces, a former British army commanding officer, General Sir John Wilsey, warned last night.

The general, who was general officer commanding (GOC) in Northern Ireland between 1990 and 1993, last night in London launched Dr Martyn Frampton's Legion of the Rearguard: Dissident Irish Republicanism, based on interviews with leading dissidents.

Dr Frampton's conclusion, he said, "is the same that I reached, which is that Irish republicanism has not yet been satisfied and the dissident element of Irish republicanism has not gone away".

While most people in Great Britain "feel that Ireland is at peace and that it is over, those of us who are in touch with what goes on across the water know very well that that is not so", said Gen Wilsey, who previously served as a British army company and battalion commander in the North.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/1103/1224282559802.html>

3595/2010 -----

Dissident interview was like a journey into the past...

(Belfast Telegraph) The journey was in a car I had never been in before - with a driver I had never seen before, and would not recognise again. As we travelled, speaking only occasionally, it was a relief not to hear the click of the central locking.

In these situations, all kinds of things run through your mind. It is unnerving, and is probably meant to be. The journey ended at a house, in a street of many similar houses. At the top of the stairs a man was waiting - his face covered by a scarf, and he wore a hat and gloves.

He was there to search me - to make sure I was not wired for sound. It is all part of the suspicion in this world of shadows. My belt buckle was checked, my shoes, which I took off, and I was frisked from head to toe. I had pencils and a notebook - but had been instructed not to bring my mobile phone.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/dissident-interview-was-like-a-journey-into-the-past-14993953.html#ixzz14Fckllmf>

3596/2010 -----

Small bomb found in car at Belfast International Airport

(BBC) A small bomb has been found inside a car at Belfast International airport.

Police and army bomb experts were called to examine the suspicious vehicle which was discovered in the long-stay car park around 1430 BST on Saturday. It has been removed for examination. Flights were not affected, but some passengers were forced to spend the night in local hotels because they were unable to get home without their cars. The alert ended at 0200 BST on Sunday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11658569>

3597/2010 -----

Retired Garda denies knowing MI6 whistle blower

(BBC) having any links to British intelligence.

John McCoy tried to claim privilege when he was questioned about former MI6 officer and whistle blower Fred Holyroyd - even though he said he did not know him. John McCoy was giving evidence by video link from Dublin at the trial of prominent republican Gerry McGeough. Mr McGeough denies attempting to murder a UDR soldier nearly 30 years ago. The prosecution claims that Mr McGeough, 51, was injured after his intended victim Samuel Brush returned fire on him during an ambush near Aughnacloy in June 1981.

It is alleged that Mr McGeough from Carrycastle Road, Dungannon, who stood in the 2007 Assembly elections, was treated for a gunshot wound in a Dublin hospital before being transferred to Monaghan County Hospital. Belfast Crown Court heard from John McCoy that he was one of the police officers assigned to guard a man he believed to be Mr McGeough but the patient walked out of the hospital along with a large group of visitors, including he claimed, leading IRA man Jim Lynagh. During cross examination, a lawyer for Mr McGeough asked the retired detective if he knew a man called Fred Holyroyd.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11669364>



GERMANY

3598/2010 -----

Auswärtiges Amt, oder: "Mord als Dienstgeschäft"

(Standard) Neue Historikerstudie über Verstrickung in Nazi-Verbrechen präsentiert - Außenminister Westerwelle zeigt sich "beschämt" und verspricht Konsequenzen.

Nach der Vorstellung der neuen Historikerstudie über die Verstrickung des deutschen Auswärtigen Amtes in die Naziverbrechen hat Ressortchef Guido Westerwelle Konsequenzen angekündigt. Bei der offiziellen Übergabe der Studie im Ministerium äußerte sich der FDP-Politiker am Donnerstag beschämt und schockiert über die Ergebnisse der Untersuchung. Das Auswärtige Amt sei an der systematischen Vernichtung der europäischen Juden "mit administrativer Kälte" beteiligt gewesen.

Die Studie hat ihren Ursprung in einem Streit zwischen Westerwelles Amtsvorgänger Joschka Fischer (Grüne) und Ex-Diplomaten. Der Grünen-Politiker hatte sich in seiner Zeit als Minister gegen ein "ehrendes Andenken" für ein ehemaliges NSDAP- und SS-Mitglied in dem Amtsblatt "AA intern" verwahrt und durchgesetzt, dass über den Tod von Ex-Diplomaten nur noch nachrichtlich informiert wird. Als ehemalige Ministeriumsangehörige daraufhin selbst eine Todesanzeige für den verstorbenen Kollegen in einer Tageszeitung veröffentlichten, gab Fischer die Historikerstudie über die Rolle des Ministeriums in der NS-Zeit in Auftrag.

<http://derstandard.at/1288160217198/Auswaertiges-Amt-oder-Mord-als-Dienstgeschaeft>

3599/2010 -----

Rotstift beim MAD

(Focus) Die Bundesregierung will jetzt auch bei den Geheimdiensten sparen. Nach FOCUS-Informationen fordern die Haushaltsexperten von Union und FDP, den Militärischen Abschirmdienst (MAD) als selbstständige Behörde aufzulösen.

Die Aufgaben des MAD und seiner Mitarbeiter sollen auf den Bundesnachrichtendienst (Ausland) sowie das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (Inland) verteilt werden, wie FOCUS erfuhr. Die Koalitionäre von Union und FDP beschlossen am Dienstag im geheim tagenden Vertrauensgremium des Haushaltsausschusses mit ihrer Mehrheit einen Prüfauftrag. Dort heißt es FOCUS zufolge: „Das Vertrauensgremium bittet die Bundesregierung, die Möglichkeiten und Wege für eine Überführung der Aufgaben des MAD in die Aufgabenbereiche des BND sowie des BfV zum Zwecke einer größtmöglichen Effizienzsteigerung und Entlastung des Bundeshaushaltes zu prüfen und gegebenenfalls ein entsprechendes Konzept vorzulegen.“ Gleichzeitig sollten die bisherigen MAD-Aufgaben „einer kritischen Überprüfung unterzogen“ und im Fall der Zusammenlegung eine mittelfristige Sparwirkung für den Bundeshaushalt bewiesen werden. SPD, Grüne und Linke enthielten sich.

Der MAD mit Hauptsitz in Köln gehört zur Bundeswehr. Er operiert im Bereich der Spionageabwehr und sichert durch Aufklärung den Auslandseinsatz deutscher Truppen. Rund 1300 MAD-Angehörige arbeiten in der Kölner Zentrale, in der Außenstelle Berlin und weiteren zwölf Standorten in Deutschland. Der Geheimdienst der Bundeswehr kostet jährlich rund 65 Millionen Euro.

http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/haushaltsberatungen-rotstift-beim-mad_aid_566857.html

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Der MAD mag zwar auch die eine oder andere Affäre geliefert haben (allerdings so wie viele „zivile“ Einrichtungen auch), in der europäischen intelligence community gilt der MAD aber als „kleiner, aber feiner Laden“.* (Norbert Juretzko, Wilhelm Dietl, Bedingt dienstbereit: im Herzen des BND, 2004, 244.)

3600/2010 -----

Chausseestraße, Berlin-Mitte : Zehn Hektar Spionage

(Steinberg Recherche) Seit vier Jahren läßt das Bundesbauministerium auf der größten Baustelle Europas die deutsche Spionagezentrale für den BND an der Berliner Chausseestraße errichten. Sie wird zehn Hektar Stadtkern bedecken. Zehn Hektar, das sind ein halber Kilometer Länge, zu Fuß sechs Minuten, und zweihundert Meter Breite.

<http://www.steinbergrecherche.com/krbnd.htm#Chausseestrasse>



AUSTRIA

3601/2010 -----

Angst vor Bombe im Wiener Kanzleramt

(Kurier) Bombenstimmung im Kanzleramt. "Bei uns schwitzen einige", sagt ein Polizist hinter vorgehaltener Hand. Offiziell will man sich nicht zu sehr in die Karten blicken lassen, im Bundeskanzleramt sagt man gleich gar nichts.

"Von uns wurden alle Ministerien, die Präsidentschaftskanzlei und das Bundeskanzleramt am Dienstag informiert, nachdem die Paketbombe an Angela Merkel entdeckt worden war", berichtet Rudolf Gollia vom Innenministerium. Eine exakte Beschreibung des Poststücks ging hinaus. Wie dieses aussieht, will Gollia nicht sagen: "Bei Beschreibungen sind wir zurückhaltend, sonst ändern die Absender das entsprechend ab." Dem Vernehmen nach soll es sich um mit Schwarzpulver präparierte Bücher handeln. Österreich steht sicher nicht ganz oben auf der Liste der Terroristen, allerdings wurde auch auf die Schweizer Botschaft in Athen ein Bombenanschlag versucht. Außerdem schicken die "Zellen des Feuers" Bomben gerne als Antworten auf Regierungssparpakete.

Hierzulande wurden im Zuge der Briefbombenserie in den 90er-Jahren in allen Ministerien Röntgenapparate angeschafft, meist wurde die Technik seither aber nicht modernisiert. Genau weiß das niemand, weil jedes Ministerium für sich selbst verantwortlich ist. Alle Mitarbeiter der Poststellen seien aber "sensibilisiert", heißt es.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2046713.php>

3602/2010 -----

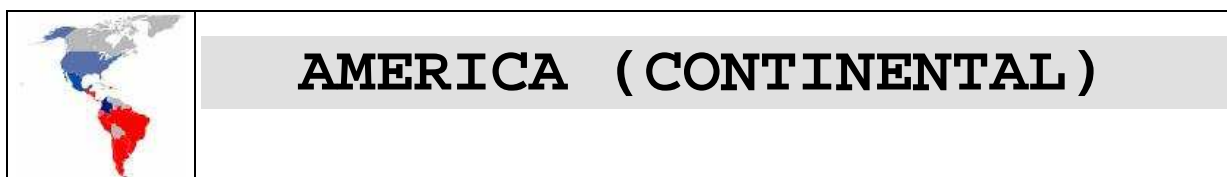
Weiter Rätsel um Zünder in Istanbul

(Wiener Zeitung) Laut Österreichs Innenministerium gibt es weiterhin keine Bestätigung dafür, das der Zünder der Bombe in Istanbul aus Österreich stammen soll. Bei einem Selbstmordanschlag waren dort am Sonntag 32 Menschen verletzt worden. Ein Verbindungsbeamter an der Botschaft in Ankara stehe in Kontakt mit den türkischen Behörden, so das Ministerium. Der Werksleiter der Firma Schaffler - eine Tochter der Hirtenberger AG - erklärte, man habe bis vor fünf Jahren Zünder rund 430 Millionen derartiger

Zünder, die für zivile Sprengungen verwendet werden, produziert. Dann wurde dieser Zweig an eine US-Firma verkauft.

Den Attentäter identifizierte die türkische Polizei inzwischen als den 24-jährigen Vedat Acar aus einem kurdischen Dorf im Südosten. Acar gehörte demnach seit sechs Jahren der verbotenen PKK an, war im PKK-Hauptquartier im Nordirak ausgebildet worden und vor drei Monaten über die Landgrenze aus dem Irak in die Türkei eingereist. Die PKK (Arbeiterpartei Kurdistans) hat sich entschieden von dem Anschlag distanziert. Es gibt allerdings PKK-Splittergruppen, die der offiziellen Friedenslinie nicht folgen wollen.

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=525418>
- (b) Teile der Terror-Bombe wurden in NÖ produziert:
http://www.krone.at/Niederosterreich/Teile_der_Terror-Bombe_wurden_in_NOe_produziert-Inferno_in_Istanbul-Story-228417



3603/2010 -----

Top Canadian spy cites N. Korea, Iran as CSIS probes threat

(CTV) The head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service quietly told a crowd of insiders he's worried about North Korea and Iran surreptitiously trolling Canada for components to build an atomic bomb.

In a speech to academics and former intelligence officials, CSIS director Dick Fadden spoke of the spy service's "active investigations" of people trying to procure nuclear materials. The threat of weapons of mass destruction is an "area where we have to worry far more than we did not too long ago," Fadden said. "North Korea and Iran being people that we worry about the most."

Fadden made the unusually candid comments in a previously unreported -- and still partly secret -- address to a late May gathering in Ottawa of the International Association for Intelligence Education.

The CSIS director also elaborated on his concerns about foreign interference in Canadian politics, as well as the threat of cyberterrorism. In addition, Fadden mused aloud on whether simply jailing homegrown terrorists is a real solution to the problem of radicalization. And he told the audience India has more influence in Afghanistan than Canada and its major coalition partners combined.

<http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/Canada/20101031/fadden-nuclear-threat-101031/>

3604/2010 -----

Canada's spy watchers ring alarm many years too late

(The Star) Every year, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the so-called guardians over Canada's intelligence service, CSIS, issues a slim report about what it's been up to. And every year, the ritual goes

something like this: SIRC gives CSIS good marks, with a mild and occasional slap on the wrist to blunt criticism that it is little more than an institutional rubber stamp for our spooks.

Few people outside a handful of reporters and interested academics give the annual digest much notice since few people take SIRC seriously, principally because its reports are so limp and couched in so much unnecessary secrecy.

Tellingly, the outfit that has traditionally considered SIRC no more annoying than a pesky mosquito and has expressed open disdain for the oversight agency and its redundant report cards has been CSIS.

<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/article/883383--canada-s-spy-watchers-ring-alarm-many-years-too-late>

3605/2010 -----

Wife of accused Cuban spy visits husband

(Miami Herald) The wife of convicted Cuban spy Gerardo Hernández was allowed to visit him in his U.S. prison last month for the first time in 12 years, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office confirmed Friday.

Ros-Lehtinen spokesman Alex Cruz said the Republican congress member ``raised hell'' when State Department officials briefed her on the visit, after it had taken place. ``We again raised the fact that they are treating Alan Gross and this convicted spy as equals,'' said Cruz, referring to the U.S. government subcontractor jailed in Havana. ``We were assured that there was no such linkage.''

Cruz said the wife's visit took place in early or mid-September -- shortly after Gross's wife Judy was first allowed to visit him in Havana, where he has been jailed without charges since Dec. 3. Adriana Pérez visited her husband at the federal prison in Victorville, Ca., according to the blog Cafe Fuerte, which first reported the visit Thursday.

Hernandez, leader of the Wasp spy network rolled up by the FBI in 1999, was sentenced to life in prison for his role in Cuba's 1996 shutdown of two Brothers to the Rescue planes that killed four South Florida residents.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/10/29/1898709/wife-of-accused-cuban-spy-visits.html>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

3606/2010 -----

Tanzania party accuses spy agency of vote theft

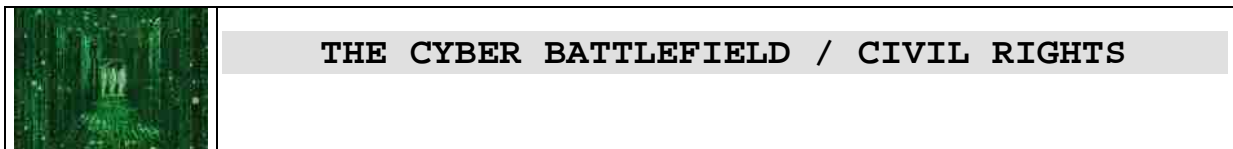
(Daily Nation) Tanzania Intelligence and Security Services (TISS) yesterday distanced itself from claims by the Chama Cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (Chadema) presidential candidate, Dr Willibrod Slaa, that the agency was being used to steal votes cast in favour of him.

On Wednesday, Dr Slaa told a news conference in Dar es Salaam that TISS has doctored presidential election results being announced by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) with an intention of showing that he has failed to win the elections.

TISS Deputy Director Jackie Zoka told a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that Dr Slaa's statement was intended to create disharmony between the agency and wananchi.

He said TISS has been forced to react to the allegations because they were serious and if not disproved people could take the claims by Dr Slaa seriously. This is the first time in the history of TISS to respond to allegations levelled against the agency since the country's independence 49 years ago.

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/africa/-/1066/1047170/-/1214sqy/-/>



3607/2010 -----

Critical Fixes for Shockwave, Firefox

(Krebs) Adobe Systems pushed out a critical security update for its Shockwave Player that fixes nearly a dozen security vulnerabilities. The software maker also is warning that attackers are targeting a previously unidentified security hole in its Acrobat and PDF Reader products.

The Shockwave patch plugs 11 security holes in program, most of which attackers could use remotely to take control over an affected system. Updates are available for Mac and Windows computers, from this link. The latest version is 11.5.9.615. Before you blithely click through the process, keep a lookout for pre-checked "free" software that will install alongside this Shockwave update if you simply accept all the default options. When I tested the Shockwave installer, it included a "free PC performance scan from PC Tools's Registry Mechanic. I opted to untick the check mark next to that option before proceeding with the rest of the install, which was otherwise uneventful.

In other patch news, Mozilla has released an update that fixes a critical flaw that security experts warned this week was being used to attack Firefox users. Chances are good that your copy of Firefox (assuming it is semi-recent) has already downloaded this update, which brings Firefox to version 3.6.12 If you haven't already been prompted to restart Firefox, click "Help" in the menu bar on top and look for an item that says "Apply Downloaded Update Now." Otherwise, it's available from Mozilla's home page.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/10/critical-fixes-for-shockwave-firefox/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3608/2010 -----

Microsoft Warns of Attacks on Zero-Day IE Bug

(Krebs) Microsoft Corp. today warned Internet Explorer users that attackers are exploiting a previously unknown security hole in the browser to install malicious software. The company is urging users who haven't already done so to upgrade to IE8, which includes technology that makes the vulnerability more difficult to exploit.

According to the advisory Microsoft published, this is a browse-to-a-malicious-site-and-get-owned vulnerability. The company reports that the exploit code was discovered on a single Web site that is no longer online. But if past attacks against unpatched IE flaws are any indicator, it will probably not be long before the attack is stitched into plenty of other hacked and malicious Web sites.

Redmond says Data Execution Prevention (DEP) technology enabled by default in IE8 helps protect against attacks, and that the same protection is enabled on all supported platforms, including Windows XP Service Pack 3, Windows Vista Service Pack 1, Windows Vista Service Pack 2, and Windows 7. IE9 beta apparently is not at risk from this threat.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/11/microsoft-warns-of-attacks-on-zero-day-ie-bug/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3609/2010 -----

MEET THE BIG BROTHER ROAD SPY CAMERA

(Express) MOTORISTS could soon be running the gauntlet of a Big Brother camera that can spot five offences at once.

The Asset not only clocks speeding motorists but also spots cars being driven without insurance or tax discs. It can also catch motorists driving without seatbelts and, by measuring distance between cars, tailgaters too.

The £50,000 cameras are linked via satellite to police computers and can instantly process prosecutions. They are on trial in Finland, Germany, Austria and France as part of a £7.2million project largely funded by the European Commission.

<http://www.dailyexpress.co.uk/posts/view/209160/Meet-the-Big-Brother-road-spy-camera/>

3610/2010 -----

Internet boosting terror, says Israel's top spy

(NDTV) The transformation of the world into a "global village", the Internet as well as additional technology available to the public has made terrorism more lethal in the 21st century, Israel's intelligence chief has warned.

"The terrorist threat in the future has become more complex. The world has turned into a 'global village' and everything is available to everyone. The world is smaller and broader and technology can cross continents," said Yuval Diskin, chief of Israel's internal security agency Shin Bet.

"Technology has made the world smaller and flatter," Diskin said, adding "The availability of technology that has revolutionised economy and communications has also given rise to many global terror opportunities."

Speaking at the first Israeli Homeland Security International Conference, he pointed out that Google Earth, the Internet and applications that can be downloaded to Apple's iPhone were available for terrorists to use and obtain intelligence that they could not receive before.

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/internet-boosting-terror-says-israel-s-top-spy-63894>

3611/2010 -----

SocialMiner: New software allows employers to spy on social networks

(The Raw Story) New software released by Cisco Systems Inc. on Wednesday makes it much easier for banks, retailers, and other businesses -- including your employer -- to monitor the mountain of data on social networking websites such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

The new SocialMiner software tracks the status updates, forum posts, and blog posts of customers and potential customers in real-time, giving businesses immediate information about consumers' opinions and preferences. It's pretty cheap, too: "It can also be purchased for use with a non-Cisco contact center system, Cisco officials say. In each case, SocialMiner costs \$1,000 for the server and \$1,500 per agent license."

"With more and more Web-based conversations taking place over these social platforms, it's now more critical than ever that businesses are aware of what their customers are saying about them and are able to respond to general inquiries or rectify customer service issues so as to enhance and protect brand reputation," Cisco states in its SocialMiner press release.

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2010/11/software-monitoring-social-networks-breeze/>

3612/2010 -----

China Builds The Fastest Supercomputer

(StrategyPage) China has taken the lead in the supercomputer (the fastest computers on the planet) race, having built a 155 ton system using 7,168 GPUs (Graphic Processing Units, from high end graphic cards) and 14,336 CPUs to achieve peak performance of 2.507 petaflops (a petaflop is one million billion floating point operations per second, otherwise known as FLOPS). Sustained speed is 563 teraflops (one thousand billion). The Chinese Tianhe-1A supercomputer cost \$88 million, requires 4.04 magawatts of power and occupies 1,000 square meters (10,764 square feet). Given that China manufactures a growing share of electronic items, and Chinese students have long dominated electronic engineering departments in American universities, this development should come as no surprise. Tianhe-1A will be used for civilian (oil exploration) and military (aircraft and missile design) applications.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20101029.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

3613/2010 -----

Is The US's COIN Doctrine Fighting The "Last War"?

(sourcesandmethods) One doesn't often find an academic critique of a US Army Field Manual but that is exactly what recent Mercyhurst graduate Brian Gabriel set out to do in his thesis, "Evaluating The Transferability Of Counterinsurgency Doctrine: From The Cold War To Global Insurgency".

In this instance, Brian's target was FM 3-24, Counterinsurgency. In general, Brian was seeking to explore the "transferability" of the US's new doctrine: Would this doctrine work with respect to future conflicts in new geographical locations at any scale or was it designed, as new doctrines sometimes are, to win the "last war"? Brian was specifically trying to determine if "the new doctrine truly provides a framework to defeat insurgencies around the world regardless of the nature of the insurgency or if the doctrine's utility is more limited."

Brian does many of the usual things you would expect to see in a thesis such as this and does them well. His literature review, for example, covers the history of US counterinsurgency doctrine, the genesis of the new doctrine and the critiques of that doctrine in a well-written and interesting way that contains enough detail without coming across as overwhelming.

- (a) <http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/11/is-uss-coin-doctrine-fighting-last-war.html>
- (b) FM 3-24, Counterinsurgency: <http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-24.pdf> (12,5 MB !!)



INTELL HISTORY

3614/2010 -----

Ex-Agent: Mossad kannte Aufenthaltsort von KZ-Arzt Mengele

(ORF) Der israelische Geheimdienst Mossad hat nach Angaben eines Ex-Agenten seit 1962 gewusst, dass der gesuchte KZ-Arzt Josef Mengele in Brasilien untergetaucht war. „Ich war 1962 mit einem anderen Agenten in Brasilien, und wir bestätigten, dass sich Mengele unter falscher Identität in der Umgebung von Sao Paulo aufhielt“, sagte der 83-jährige frühere Geheimdienstagent Rafi Eitan der Zeitung „Folha de Sao Paulo“ (Sonntag-Ausgabe).

Anschließend seien Vorbereitungen für die Gefangennahme Mengeles angelaufen, doch habe die israelische Regierung schließlich darauf verzichtet.

Mengele war im Konzentrations- und Vernichtungslager Auschwitz für grausamste medizinische Experimente verantwortlich und unter dem Namen „Todesengel von Auschwitz“ berüchtigt. Ihm war nach Kriegsende zunächst die Flucht nach Argentinien und 1960 nach Brasilien gelungen. 1979 ertrank er bei einem Badeunfall im Küstenort Bertioga im Bundesstaat Sao Paulo.

<http://orf.at/stories/2023010/>

3615/2010 -----

Eileen Nearne: British spy gave rare interview

(Telegraph) A British spy whose exploits echoed the fictional character Charlotte Gray gave an interview 13 years ago - in disguise - in which she told how she was tortured by the Gestapo, it has emerged.

Eileen Nearne, who died aged 89 in Torquay in September without any family to arrange her funeral, gave a rare insight into her life during the Second World War.

She was captured by the Nazis in July 1944 after spending months undercover in Paris sending messages back to Britain in preparation for D-Day. Still using her wartime code name "Rose" and wearing a wig while speaking fluent French, she told a BBC documentary in 1997 that she was caught because she had to send a vital message.

"I preferred to use the old house from where I knew I could get through, but I shouldn't have done it," she said. "That's how I got myself arrested." Describing the Nazi officer who interrogated her, she said: "He rushed at me and slapped me as hard as he could around the head calling me a liar, a spy, a dirty bitch. "And the other one said, 'We have ways of making people talk who don't want to'. "They took me into a room where there was a bath and they held me under the water.

"You suffocate under the water, but you must stick to your story. I remembered what we'd been taught; never to be afraid, never let them dominate you." Miss Nearne managed to convince her inquisitors that she was a French shop girl who knew nothing about undercover operations. However, she recalled the last words they said to her before she was sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp in Germany in August 1944.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/8102729/Eileen-Nearne-British-spy-gave-rare-interview.html>

3616/2010 -----

Stasi: Kein normaler Geheimdienst

(Die Mark online) Ein ganz normaler Geheimdienst war die Staatssicherheit eben nicht. Das machte Rüdiger Sielaff bei einem Vortrag im Schildower Bürgersaal deutlich.

Der Leiter der Außenstelle Frankfurt/Oder der Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde machte am Donnerstagabend mit seiner Vortragsreihe über die Stasi in Schildow Station. Mehr als einhundert Zuhörer verfolgten interessiert seine Ausführungen. Rüdiger Sielaff charakterisierte das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit (MfS) als heterogene Institution mit vielen Dienststeinheiten und Aufgabenstellungen, die wenige Schnittmengen hatte. Weniger als zwei Prozent der Bevölkerung arbeitete 1989 hauptamtlich oder inoffiziell für die Staatssicherheit. „Nicht jeder hatte eine Akte, doch

wurden die Menschen glauben gemacht, die Stasi wisse alles und sei überall.“

Gegenwärtig gebe es mehr Anträge auf Akteneinsicht als noch vor acht Jahren. Als möglichen Grund nannte Sielaff die Angst vor Enttäuschungen. „Doch Wissen ist immer besser als Nichtwissen“, plädierte Sielaff für eine Akteneinsicht. Er habe noch niemanden erlebt, der gesagt habe: „Hätte ich lieber nicht reingeguckt.“

<http://www.die-mark-online.de/nachrichten/landkreis-oberhavel/muehlenbeck/kein-normaler-geheimdienst-985337.html>

3617/2010 -----

DDR-Geheimdienst versteckte Attentäter Carlos

(Berliner Zeitung) Rekonstruierte Stasi-Akten belegen laut "Focus", dass die DDR den berüchtigten Terroristen Carlos jahrelang massiv unterstützt hat.

Carlos war einer der meist gesuchten Verbrecher der 70er- und 80er-Jahre. Der Drahtzieher zahlreicher Anschläge (u.a. auf das Opec-Hauptquartier in Wien 1975) fand Zuflucht in Ost-Berlin: Im Frühjahr 1979 habe Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, genannt "Carlos, der Schakal", sein Hauptquartier im 35. Stock des "Hotel Berlin" am Alexanderplatz aufgeschlagen. Um Waffen zu verschieben, um Anschläge zu planen. Unterstützt worden sei er, im Auftrag des Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit (MfS) und auf Anweisung aus Moskau, von einer Gruppe von 75 DDR-Bürgern, zu denen Professoren, Schauspieler, Gewerkschafter, Ärzte gehörten. Neben Carlos war offenbar auch der Libanese Hassan Ihdeib Ratab, ein mutmaßlicher Mittäter des Attentats auf die israelische Olympia-Mannschaft 1972 in München, Gast in Ost-Berlin.

- (a) <http://www.bz-berlin.de/archiv/ddr-geheimdienst-versteckte-attentaeter-carlos-article1020499.html>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,726256,00.html>
- (c) http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/stasi-akten-pakt-zwischen-ddr-und-top-terrorist-carlos_aid_566840.html

3618/2010 -----

Der erpresste Spion: Ein Hinterbänkler als Geheimnisverräter

(Welt online) Vor 50 Jahren deckte der Verfassungsschutz eine der brisantesten Spionageaffären der Bundesrepublik auf und verhaftete den Abgeordneten Alfred Frenzel.

Nicht einmal Konrad Adenauer weiß, dass der Zugriff unmittelbar bevorsteht. Eben noch hat der Bundeskanzler dem SPD-Bundestagsabgeordneten Alfred Frenzel vor über 100 Zuhörern gedankt. Dessen Rede vor Vertretern des Widerstandes gegen den Nationalsozialismus habe "uns einen großen Dienst erwiesen", lobt Adenauer. Nur wenige Minuten später konfrontiert Generalbundesanwalt Max Güde den Abgeordneten noch im Bundestag mit Dokumenten, die Frenzel an einen tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienstmann übergeben hat. Völlig überrumpelt gesteht der überführte Volksvertreter, jahrelang gegen die Bundesrepublik spioniert zu haben.

<http://www.welt.de/print/wams/kultur/article10644435/Der-erpresste-Spion-Wie-ein-Hinterbaenkler-zum-Geheimnisverraeter-wurde.html>

3619/2010 -----

Ein Leben als Geheimagent und Weinliebhaber

(ad hoc-news) Er war Spion, CIA-Büroleiter und der Mann, der 'Blue Nun' zur weltbekannten Weinmarke machte: Der gebürtige Mainzer Peter Sichel hat ein bewegtes Leben hinter sich, geprägt von den Wechselfällen der deutschen Geschichte.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/ein-leben-als-geheimagent-und-weinliebhaber--/de/News/21695480>

3620/2010 -----

Presidential Reflections on U.S. Intelligence: John F. Kennedy

(CIA) From President Truman on, each President has written a note of thanks to the men and women of the CIA. These notes are displayed with the President's official photograph in the Presidential Gallery of the New Headquarters Building. This story is the fourth in a series about the relationship each president has had with the CIA. This article will focus on President John F. Kennedy.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/john-f-kennedy.html>

3621/2010 -----

Hitler Planned to Hold Out in Austrian Alps, Allied Intel Indicated

(Bloomberg) Allied military intelligence indicated Adolf Hitler had built an underground Alpine fortress to house "the elite of Nazi Germany" in a desperate, final stand in World War II, according to documents released today.

Intelligence reports from 1944 and 1945, the last two years of the war, suggested that leading Nazis would seek refuge from an allied invasion of Germany in a vast underground network of tunnels and caves in a "Nazi National Redoubt" hidden within the Austrian Alps, the secret files published by the U.K.'s National Archives in London showed.

The hideout was believed to have enough capacity, food and munitions to supply about 60,000 men for two years, according to the files. The reports described those who would take refuge there as "war criminals," "Nazi fanatics" and "those with nothing to lose."

History proved the intelligence wrong. As the war approached its climax and Russian troops bore down on Berlin, Hitler remained in the German capital, refusing to flee the city for the south. The Nazi leader committed suicide in his bunker on April 30, 1945, and Germany capitulated a week later.

From their hideout, the Nazis would coordinate resistance groups worldwide, using propaganda, sabotage and bribery, while the Nazis had established specialist training schools to prepare soldiers for mountain warfare, the intelligence indicated.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-28/hitler-planned-to-hold-out-in-austrian-alps-allied-intelligence-indicated.html>



3622/2010 -----

Piracy: A Legal Definition

(CRS via FAS) Pirate attacks in the waters off the Horn of Africa, including those on U.S.-flagged vessels, have brought continued U.S. and international attention to the long-standing problem of piracy in the region. The United States has been an active participant in piracy interdiction and prevention operations focusing on the Horn of Africa region. As part of piracy interdiction operations, the U.S. military has detained individuals accused of acts of piracy against U.S.-flagged vessels. In some instances these individuals have been released to return to land, while others have been brought to the United States for criminal prosecution in the federal courts.

The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power "To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations." Since 1819, U.S. law has defined piracy not as a specific act, but rather "as defined by the law of nations." Supreme Court decisions have upheld Congress's power to define piracy in terms of the law of nations. Contemporary international agreements, including the Convention on the High Seas, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA Convention) address piracy. The United States is party to two of the agreements, and the third (UNCLOS) is generally accepted as reflecting customary international law.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41455.pdf>

3623/2010 -----

Cold War Times®, November 2010 - Vol 10, Issue 3 - English

(Coldwar.org) The Cold War Times® is a quarterly online publication produced for the Cold War Museum®.

The Cold War Times® was established in order to chronicle the history of the Cold War and notify our subscribers of Cold War anniversaries, events and activities that relate to the Cold War. If you are a Cold War Veteran, historian, or student who would like to contribute an article for a future issue, please send your submission to the Cold War Times® Editor. Photographs and related materials are also welcome.

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http://www.coldwar.org/text_files/ColdwartimesNov2010.pdf

3624/2010 -----

CIA response to FOIA on WikiLeaks

Final response of the CIA to a Freedom of Information Act request regarding the initiative entitled "WikiLeaks".

<http://cryptome.org/0002/cia102510.pdf>

3625/2010 -----

U.S. Army Company Intelligence Support Team (COIST) Development

(via Publicintelligence) Consideration on including an intel analyst at the manoeuvre company level).

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/COIST-Development.pdf> (3,5 MB)

3626/2010 -----

USMC Company Intel Cell in Stability and Support Operations TTPs

(via Publicintelligence) In the asymmetrical threat climate of the 21st century, stability and support operations (SASO) are often conducted from a company level firm base (FB). These company and platoon size units need immediate, on-scene intelligence support to deal with an enemy that can recruit, rest, and resupply amongst the population in a predominately urban environment. This requires an intense collection and analysis effort by even the smallest unit. And, because of the noncontiguous nature of SASO, it is unrealistic to expect that higher echelon staffs will consistently be available to support them. Therefore, Marines in small units must establish and maintain a limited, but effective, capability for themselves.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/CICSSO-TTP.pdf>

3627/2010 -----

CJCS Military Family "Self-Help Guide" to Antiterrorism

(via Publicintelligence) This guide is designed to assist in making you and your family less vulnerable to terrorists. You should review its contents and incorporate protective measures applicable to your particular situation. It is important that you ensure all members of your family are made aware of this valuable information so they not only protect themselves, but also become an integral part of the overall community force protection effort.

http://info.publicintelligence.net/CJCS_TerrorismSelfHelp.pdf

3628/2010 -----

DHS Snapshot: Yemen Explosive Packages on Cargo Aircraft

(via Publicintelligence) Explosives Discovered on Cargo Aircraft Bound for the United States, as of 29 October, packages on cargo aircraft containing explosive materials were intercepted in the United Kingdom (UK) and Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The packages were shipped from Yemen, with the United States listed as the final destination.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/DHS-YemenPackages.pdf>

3629/2010 -----

Gestohlene Jahre der Jugend

(Nordkurier) So wie die aus heutiger Sicht unglaubliche Geschichte des heute 48-jährigen Thomas Raufeisen. Zusammen mit seinen Eltern und dem zwei Jahre älteren Bruder wuchs er in Hannover auf. Bis zu dem "Tag, an dem uns Vater erzählte, dass er ein DDR-Spion sei". Es war der 22. Januar 1979, als er seiner Familie sagte, dass sie dringend zum kranken Großvater nach Ahlbeck fahren müssten. Hals über Kopf brachen die Vier auf. Erstin Berlin, in einer Gästewohnung des Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit (MfS), offenbarte der Vater seiner Familie, dass es kein Zurück mehr gibt. Nachdem ein hochrangiger Offizier der MfS-Auslandsaufklärung geflohen war, drohten zahlreiche DDR-Spione aufzufliegen.

Selbst die Mutter, die wusste, dass ihr Mann seit 1957 Industriespionage betrieb, informierte der Vater vorab nicht über den Grund des Aufbruchs. Die Söhne stürzten in eine Krise: "Aus einem biedereren Familienvater war über Nacht plötzlich ein Spion geworden, ein Verräter, ein Spitzel." Während Thomas' Bruder die ersehnte Ausreise genehmigt wurde, blieb dem Rest der Familie nur übrig, sich in den DDR einzurichten, was insbesondere dem 16-Jährigen schwer fiel: Plötzlich sollte er Russisch lernen, am Staatsbürgerkunde- und Wehrunterricht teilnehmen.

- (a) Thomas Raufeisen, Henry Bernhard, Der Tag, an dem uns Vater erzählte, dass er ein DDR-Spion sei. Eine deutsche Tragödie, Verlag Herder; ISBN-10: 3451303450, ISBN-13: 978-3451303456

- (b) Rezension:

<http://www.nordkurier.de/index.php?objekt=nk.kultur.buecherkritiken&id=737068>

3630/2010 -----

CfP: TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Location: Switzerland
 Call for Papers Date: 2010-12-15
 Date Submitted: 2010-10-08
 Announcement ID: 179569

On the tenth anniversary of 9/11, this conference will assess the impact of terrorism on international politics from a historical perspective. Convoked at Geneva from 29-30 September 2011, it is organised under the auspices of the Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l'histoire du temps présent and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

This thought-provoking and stimulating conference will offer scholars the possibility to address, discuss and exchange views on a variety of issues related to terrorism in different eras and places, as well as to examine the changing and diverging nature of this phenomenon. The tenth anniversary of the tragic and traumatic events of 9/11 in New York and Washington shall serve as a moment of reflection on the evolution of terrorism, its challenges and the responses of states and the international community.

For the specific topics to be addressed during the conference, see:
<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=179569>

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(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

3631/2010 -----

Ausstellung „Top Secret“ zeigt Filmrequisiten und Spionagewerkzeug

(NWZ online) Sie haben Filmgeschichte geschrieben: der weiße „Lotus Esprit“ und der „Aston Martin DB 6 Superleggera“. Bekannt wurden sie durch die James Bond Filme. Besonders der weiße Lotus als schwimmendes und tauchendes Amphibienfahrzeug in „Der Spion, der mich liebte“ dürfte vielen noch in Erinnerung sein. Neben dem BMW 750i aus „Der Morgen stirbt nie“, sind sie in einer Ausstellung über fiktive und reale Spionagetätigkeit in der Nordseepassage zu sehen.

Noch **bis zum 9. November** ist die Ausstellung „Top Secret“ mit original Filmrequisiten, aber auch echten Exponaten von Stasi, CIA und KGB zu sehen. Zu seinem außergewöhnlichen Hobby kam der Medizintechniker Dr. Heinrich Peyers, Besitzer der Exponate, in der DDR, wo er Fortbildungsveranstaltungen gegeben hatte. Während der Wende hatte Peyers einige Überwachungsgeräte der Stasi buchstäblich im Mülleimer gefunden.

<http://www.nwzonline.de/Region/Stadt/Wilhelmshaven/Artikel/2456620/Geheimagenten+in+der+Nordseepassage.html>

3632/2010 -----

Mercyhurst Offers Online Cyberthreat Analysis Course

The Mercyhurst College Institute Of Intelligence Studies is now accepting applications and inquiries for a 3 credit online graduate course in Cyberthreat Analysis. It is scheduled to begin on **29 NOV 2010** and will end on or about 23 FEB 2011.

The course is open to anyone with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and an interest in the topic. The course is designed as an online, standalone, introductory graduate-level course -- there are no prerequisites.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/10/mercyhurst-offers-online-cyberthreat.html>

3633/2010 -----

Aviso: 12. ACIPSS-AT am Freitag, 26. November 2010

Die nächste ACIPSS-Arbeitstagung findet *voraussichtlich* am Freitag, 26. November 2010 in Graz statt. Wir ersuchen alle Interessierten, sich diesen Termin vorzumerken!

Vorläufiges (!!) Programm:

Peter Berger (WU Wien),
Präsentation des Bandes XIX der Contemporary Austrian Studies (CAS):
„From Empire to Republic: Post-World War I Austria“

Hans Schafranek (Wien)
„V-Leute als Gestapo-Spitzel“ (prov. Titel)

Florian Traussnig (ACIPSS, Graz)
*„ÖsterreicherInnen in US-Kriegsinstitutionen des Zweiten Weltkriegs:
Drei ausgewählte Fallbeispiele“*

Philipp Lesiak (BIK/Raabs)
*„Beyond Zilk/Holec. Die Rolle der tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienste
in Österreich während des Kalten Krieges“*

Das definitive Programm sowie die Einladung ergeht als gesondertes Email und wird auch rechtzeitig auf die ACIPSS-Website gestellt werden.



3634/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 05.11. um 12:00 ORF 2
Weltjournal mit dem Thema: USA - Die schmutzigen Geheimnisse: Wikileaks
enthüllt die Wahrheit über den Irak-Krieg
Auslandsmagazin

Dauer: 30 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die Veröffentlichung geheimer US-Dokumente aus dem Irak-Krieg hat ein politisches Erdbeben ausgelöst, dessen Konsequenzen nicht abzusehen sind.

am Sa, 06.11. um 23:15 ARD Eins festival
Die Frau vom Checkpoint Charlie - Die Dokumentation
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Sechs Jahre lang waren Jutta Gallus und ihre Töchter Beate und Claudia getrennt. Zwischen ihnen lagen die Gefängnismauern der DDR und der Todesstreifen der innerdeutschen Grenze. Jahrelang hat der Kampf der Mutter um ihre Kinder Schlagzeilen gemacht, bis sie sich - am 26. August 1988 - wieder in den Armen liegen können. Ein dramatisches Kapitel der deutschen Teilung hat damit ein glückliches Ende gefunden.

am Sa, 06.11. um 14:00 arte

Burma VJ

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (c)

Beschreibung: Das Leben von Journalisten, die sich eine gewisse Unabhängigkeit bewahren wollen, aber vor allem das von politischen Dissidenten ist in einem Polizeistaat wie Birma - auch Myanmar genannt - sehr gefährlich. Auf einzigartige Weise dokumentiert Filmemacher Anders Østergaard die dramatischen Ereignisse vom September 2007, als die von buddhistischen Mönchen angeführten Protestmärsche begannen.

am So, 07.11. um 03:30 3sat

Schweizer im Stasi-Knast - Dieter Moor auf Spurensuche an der Berliner Mauer

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (d)

Beschreibung: Eine Liebe im Kalten Krieg, im Schatten der Berliner Mauer: Der junge Schweizer Koch Peter Gross will seine Ostberliner Freundin Christa in den Westen schmuggeln. - Dieter Moor erzählt die Geschichte ihres Fluchtversuchs, ihres Verrats durch Stasi-Spitzel und ihrer Liebe, trotz Gefängnisses. Ein bewegender Blick hinter die Fassaden, in den biedereren Wahnsinn des Überwachungsstaats DDR.

am So, 07.11. um 03:45 SF 1

Enigma - Das Geheimnis

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 115 min (e)

Beschreibung: Unter höchstem Zeitdruck arbeiten 1943 englische Mathematiker und Militärs daran, den deutschen Chiffriercode zu knacken. Spionage-Thriller mit Kate Winslet, Dougray Scott und Jeremy Northam.

am So, 07.11. um 08:00 SWR

Tele-Akademie mit dem Doppelvortrag: Adrian Kim-Fai Kwan: Triaden - Die chinesische Mafia in Hongkong und international sowie Prof. Dr. Friedrich Schneider: Die Finanzströme von Organisierter Kriminalität und Terrorismus

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Wenig weiß man über die weltweiten Finanzströme des Organisierten Verbrechens und terroristischer Organisationen. Vermutlich stammen etwa 20 Prozent des globalen Bruttosozialprodukts aus kriminellen Aktivitäten. Friedrich Schneider stellt die Methoden zur Schätzung des Umsatzes, der Geldströme und der Geldwäsche von Organisierter Kriminalität und Terrorismus vor.

am So, 07.11. um 12:00 3sat

Die Stasi in West-Berlin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: West-Berlin war jahrzehntelang ein Tummelplatz für Agenten aus allen politischen Lagern. Besonders gründlich war dort das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit der DDR: Ein Viertel aller Agenten und Inoffiziellen Mitarbeiter, die in Westdeutschland für die Stasi spionierten, saß in West-Berlin. - Film über die Stasi in West-Berlin.

am So, 07.11. um 21:02 ARD Eins extra

Rendezvous mit dem Tod

Dauer: 88 min (h)

Beschreibung: Film von Wilfried Huismann und Gus Russo Wenige Wochen bevor John F. Kennedy in Dallas stirbt, reist Lee Harvey Oswald nach Mexico. Dort bekommt er den Auftrag, John F. Kennedy zu ermorden. WDR-Autor Wilfried Huismann macht sich auf die Spurensuche. Eine politisch brisante Recherche, die den Mord des Jahrhunderts aufklärt.

am Mo, 08.11. um 13:45 BR alpha

Es brennt, Brüder, es brennt ... Reichskristallnacht : 9./ 10. November 1938

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (i)

Beschreibung: Der Film zeigt die systematische Hetz- und Diffamierungskampagne der Nationalsozialisten gegen die Juden. Ursachen und Geschehnisse des Pogroms, genannt "Reichskristallnacht", werden als eine Phase der organisierten Judenverfolgung im "Dritten Reich" dargestellt. Die antisemitische Rassetheorie des Nazismus, ihre "Anwendung" durch Verordnungen und Gesetze und die Propaganda in Rundfunk, Presse und Film werden gezeigt.

am Di, 09.11. um 03:00 arte

Taxi zur Hölle - Amerikas dunkle Verhörmethoden

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 105 min (j)

Beschreibung: Der Dokumentarfilm des mehrfach ausgezeichneten Filmemachers Alex Gibney erzählt von der Verhaftung eines afghanischen Taxifahrers, der nach wenigen Tagen in US-Gewahrsam gewaltsam ums Leben kommt. Er dokumentiert die von der amerikanischen Regierung forcierte Einführung der Folter als Verhörmethode in US-Einrichtungen und fordert eindringlich die Einhaltung der Menschenrechte und der Genfer Konvention zur Behandlung von Kriegsgefangenen.

am Do, 11.11. um 23:30 rbb

Gesicht zur Wand

Der DokumentarFilm - Deutsche Erstaussstrahlung der Langfassung

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (k)

Beschreibung: Fünf Menschen, die versucht haben, aus der DDR zu fliehen, erzählen von ihren Beweggründen, ihrem Fluchtversuch, der Inhaftierung, den Haftbedingungen und dem Leben danach. Fünf Stimmen von 72.000, die als sogenannte "Republikflüchtlinge" einen Teil ihres Lebens in Stasi-Haft verbringen mussten und zum Teil bis heute damit beschäftigt sind, dieses Trauma zu verarbeiten.

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